

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2011**

The meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at 6:22 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Thompson and opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call, by Clerk Treasurer Liz Oilar, was answered by Mayor Jason Thompson, Council Members Dave Kelly, Jim Mann, Grace Oilar, Bill Smith, and Eric Storm, and City Attorney George Loy.

There being no additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting on Monday, January 3, 2011, a motion was made by Council Member Grace Oilar, seconded by Council Member Bill Smith, to approve the minutes as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Citizen Participation

Daryl Evans addressed the Council with his concern about the Buck Stop closing. He wondered if anyone got a hold of the Mayor. The Mayor gave the Buck Stop associate the number Daryl's mother gave him. He also contacted some people who owned buildings here with larger square footage and asked them to give Buck Stop a call if they wanted a lessee. Other than, he didn't know what talks they had behind the scenes.

Korey Arvin, State Farm Insurance, addressed the Council. He let them know he is the new State Farm Insurance Agent in town. Jim Ottinger has retired and Korey is taking over that business. He is on the agenda for Ordinance 2011-01 tonight.

Department Head Reports

Police Chief Curt Blount stated that he has given the Council a copy of 2010 totals for his department. These include warnings, accidents, citations, incidents, and arrests. Training has begun for 2011. Next month they will train at the new range with the Sheriff's department. They have a new Ford F150. This will be the new Ordinance/Animal Officer's truck. He has moved some people around from their normal shifts to assist the State Police, Sheriff's Department, and the FBI with the recent robberies in the community and county.

Fire Chief Shane Swaim stated that on Sunday they had some South Korean students at their department. They came through Ivy Tech and St. Joseph Hospital. They are looking at fire safety in the United States. He has one man gone in the military and one man leaving soon for medical reasons. They finished up on Sunday the mutual aid agreement with all the county Chief's. It will benefit not only us, but everyone involved. On February 9, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., at the Fire Department will be the official signing of this agreement. The new ambulance should be finished mid February and should be here by the end of February.

Wastewater Superintendent Joe Mowrer stated that they are in winter operations and everything is normal. They are hoping that we will not have a too fast snow melt.

Water Superintendent Rod Pool stated that everything is normal with their winter operations. They are spending lots of time in National Homes. They have had eleven main breaks so far this winter. The last one was on 3rd and Ohio Street. Years ago, Watkins had a vault company on the corner there. That water main was put in the twenties. The Street Department was working on it with the vac truck because it was leaking. The Street and Water Department found the leak right away and were spraying it off with the vac truck when a large piece broke off the pipe. Previously, we were not going to go north up 3rd Street very far with the National Homes water line replacement project. They now need to go at least 50 feet further and they probably should go to Market Street.

Street Superintendent Doug Roberts and Park Superintendent Mitch Billue were absent from the meeting.

Consideration of Ordinance 2011-01; An Ordinance Amending the Unified Zoning Ordinance of White County and Accompanying Zoning Maps – Designate a B-1 District to a B-2 District – Area Plan

Council Member Jim Mann stated that this is simply that Corey Arvin would like to put a sign at his business, but the zoning district needs to be changed in order to do this. Ordinance 2011-01 addresses that issue. Council Member Jim Mann made the motion to approve Ordinance 2011-01; an Ordinance Amending the Unified Zoning Ordinance of White County and Accompanying Zoning Maps – Designate a B-1 District to a B-2 District, seconded by Council Member Eric Storm. All ayes, motion carried.

Discussion of Sick Bank Policy Change

Mayor Jason Thompson stated that Firefighter Corey Nolan has been in discussion with Fire Chief Shane Swaim and some Council Members trying to see what can be done with the current wording of the sick leave bank policy and who is allowed to use it. It is currently available to employees only who give to the sick bank. The new wording would include employees who give to the sick bank, their spouse, and their children. If the Council determines to change the wording, then it would be the Sick Bank Committee's responsibility to act on each request and make a decision they felt was appropriate. Members of the Sick Bank Committee are Council Member Grace Oilar, Clerk Treasurer Liz Oilar, Street Superintendent Doug Roberts, Police Detective Tim McFadden, and Fire Captain Galen Logan. After much discussion, Board Member Dave Kelly made the motion to expand the language for sick leave to include employee, spouse, and child in the same bases that the policy has operated before and to expand and make the committee aware that the Council favors this, seconded by Council Member Eric Storm. All ayes, motion carried.

Accounts Payable

Council Member Jim Mann made the motion to approve the accounts payable as presented, seconded by Council Member Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Liz Oilar, IAMC
City Clerk Treasurer